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### **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** April 26, 2021

**TO:** The Honorable Members of the Delaware General Assembly

**FROM:** Ann C. Fisher, Chairperson  
GACEC

**RE:** **House Bill No. 144 Prekindergarten Special Education Funding**

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) has reviewed **House Bill No. 144**, which is intended to increase the funding for preschool students with disabilities who are not in Intensive or Complex special education units. Council endorses this increase in funding for prekindergarten students.

The increase in funding is to be accomplished by modifying the ratio of students per preschool unit of pupils. The bill would change the ratio of students from 12.8 to 8.4 over the course of three years as follows:

<b>7/1/2011-6/30/2021</b>	<b>7/1/2021-6/30/2022</b>	<b>7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023</b>	<b>7/1/2023 on</b>
12.8 students/unit	11.3 students/unit	9.8 students/unit	8.4 students/unit

It should be noted that the current ratio of students has been in place since 2011.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our endorsement of this proposed legislation. Please feel free to contact me or Wendy Strauss at the GACEC office should you have any questions.